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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SRV, MY

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PHAN HIEN VISIT TO MALAYSIA

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1. WE WANT TO BE POSITIVE ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS
ON NORMALIZATION WITHOUT LEADING THE VIETNAMESE INTO FALSE
EXPECTATIONS THAT MY UNGA MEETING WITH THACH IN SEPTEMBER
WILL LEAD TO FINAL AGREEMENT ON NORMALIZATION.

2. FOLLOWING ARE POINTS YOU MAY DRAW UPON SHOULD MEETING
BETWEEN YOURSELF AND VIETNAMESE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER
PHAN HIEN MATERIALIZE DURING HIS POSSIBLE VISIT TO
MALAYSIA LATER THIS MONTH:

-- WE WERE GRATIFIED BY RESULTS OF RECENT VISIT OF VU HOANG
AND HIS MIA EXPERTS TO HONOLULU CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION
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LABORATORY AND JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER. THE VISIT
WENT VERY WELL, AND WAS USEFUL BOTH IN IMPROVING MIA
TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES AND AS A SIGN OF PROGRESS IN
NORMALIZATION.

-- IN ORDER TO CAPITALIZE ON THE HONOLULU VISIT, TANGIBLE
PROGRESS ON THE MIA ISSUE IS NEEDED SOONER RATHER THAN

LATER. (IF ASKED, YOU MAY SAY THAT AUGUST WOULD BE MUCH
BETTER TIMING THAN SEPTEMBER).

-- I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING VICE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN
CO THACH IN SEPTEMBER IN NEW YORK.
CHRISTOPHER

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